

This bill contains bipartisan proposals to keep us innovating and creating in critical industries and makes sure that the United States is not at the mercy of a tenuous international supply chain.

CONGRATULATING ANDY KLINE ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, today I recognize corrections officer and Local 148 Union President Andy Kline, who is retiring after 25 years of service at USP Lewisburg and FCC Allenwood.

In Congress it has been my pleasure to work with Andy on issues related to the Bureau of Prisons. His insight has been vital for our team in creating the Bureau of Prisons Reform Caucus and working on legislation to improve staffing shortages, inmate security, and emergency preparedness.

In addition to his career with the Bureau of Prisons, Andy served in the Army Reserves for 8 years and is heavily involved in helping others in his community. Andy is a Pennsylvania native and a dedicated servant who always puts others before himself.

While his retirement is well deserved, Andy's impact and leadership at the BOP will be missed.

Andy, thank you for the sacrifices you have made to keep our community safe. Enjoy your retirement with your family and congratulations on an outstanding career of service.

AMERICA COMPETES ACT IS A WIN FOR THE COUNTRY

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, for decades we have heard elected officials rightfully decry the loss of American jobs, and then promise to bring them back.

And for generations Americans have waited for that promise. Here is the chance.

Since January 2000, the United States has lost over a quarter of all domestic manufacturing jobs. That means a decline of more than 4.7 million jobs in just two decades.

Real people have paid the consequences. I have seen it in my own district, suburban Philadelphia; in places like Pottstown, Boyertown, Norristown that have lost manufacturing jobs and opportunities.

The America COMPETES Act is a chance to revitalize these and other communities as well as to strengthen our national security. Here are some highlights:

\$52 billion to maintain and expand our production of semiconductor chips right here at home, which run our cars, phones, computers, healthcare system;

\$45 billion to improve our supply chains, with a special focus on pro-

ducing more of our critical goods here; and

Investments in scientific research and innovation so that we are not only in this century but we are globally leading it.

This bipartisan legislation should be an easy "yes" for everyone in this Chamber and everyone in the Senate to pass. The America COMPETES Act is not a political win. It is a win for America.

REMEMBERING THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF LOIS BOUTON

(Mr. WOMACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the remarkable life of an honorable patriot, the late Lois Bouton of Rogers, Arkansas. She died recently at the age of 102.

Most know her lovingly as the Coast Guard Lady, but that nickname didn't just stem from 20 years as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla on Beaver Lake in Arkansas. During World War II she enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve, where she acted as a radio operator. She was discharged in 1945 from the SPARS. That is the acronym reflecting the Coast Guard's motto: Semper Paratus—Always Ready.

However, her passion for service never left. Lois made it a point to visit with wounded and recovering military members, always taking particular care to find her fellow Coasties. This was just the start of her mission to uplift others. She tirelessly wrote over 100,000 handwritten letters to greet and encourage personnel. Her words have crossed oceans and seas, reaching legions of Coast Guard members and their families all over the world.

Her dedication earned her the rank of Honorary Master Chief Petty Officer, Department of Defense Spirit of Hope Award, the U.S. Coast Guard Distinguished Public Service Award, and more. But she always maintained that her greatest accomplishment was the joy she helped spread.

I want the Nation to know of this extraordinary American. Fair winds and following seas to the beloved Coast Guard Lady from Arkansas.

SUPPORTING AMERICAN WORKERS

(Ms. NEWMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate how the America COMPETES Act will empower manufacturing workers and small businesses on Chicago's southwest side and suburbs.

For too long, America's supply chain has relied on countries like China to bring us critical goods and services. And who has suffered? Of course, it is not the CEOs who ship jobs overseas. It

is America's factory workers, small businesses, and local manufacturers.

This bill is for them. And that is exactly why I have introduced amendments to this bill to boost American jobs and strengthen the supply chain with new workforce development programs.

Let's support American workers, invest in American businesses, and let's create millions of American jobs.

By passing the America COMPETES Act, we will do just that.

RON BRICKEY WORKED TIRELESSLY TO SERVE OTTUMWA

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a man who dedicated his life to serving my hometown.

On January 9, 2022, Ron Brickey of Ottumwa passed away. A fellow Army veteran, Ron grew up in Ottumwa, graduated from Ottumwa High School, and went on to earn a degree in finance and engineering from Iowa State University.

He worked for over 40 years at McCune & Reed Insurance, serving as president and co-owner.

Ron was a lifetime member of First Presbyterian Church, serving on the board of elders and singing in the church choir. He is also a former president and longtime member of the Rotary Club of Ottumwa, served on the board of the American Home Finding Association, was a member of the Ottumwa Chamber of Commerce, received the Gene Schultz Award for community service, served on the Ottumwa Area Development Council, and was president of the Ottumwa Regional Health Center Board.

He cooked countless chickens for the Ottumwa Rotary Oktoberfest barbecue, raised thousands for the McCreery Cancer Center and the Bridge View Convention Center. Ron worked tirelessly to leave the world a better place than he found it, and he was successful.

Ron's wife, Janet, his two children, and seven grandchildren are in my prayers.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CEOLE SPEIGHT

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Ceole Speight.

Elta Ceole Branam Speight was born on June 8, 1928, and was reunited in Heaven with her husband of 63 years, Joseph, on January 24, 2022.

As a member of the United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 455, Ceole was appointed as the volunteer and programs director at the Harris County